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1. The following air activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield between 8 and 24 March 1954:

8 March. Between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., local flying was practiced by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. The sky was 3/10 overcast.

9 March. From the beginning of nightfall until after midnight, flying was practiced by swept-back jet aircraft at an altitude of 700 to 800 meters, while 3 searchlights were in operation. The aircraft did not make defense movements but flew in the beams of searchlights for some time.

10 March. During the afternoon, local flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., night flying was again practiced with 4 searchlights being in operation. Some times, elements of 2 aircraft were observed aloft, but only one aircraft flew in the beams of searchlights.

11 March. During the noon hours, swept-back jet aircraft were observed aloft. The sky was 3/10 overcast. Four alert MiG-15s were seen. Additional aircraft were parked in front of the hangars.

12 to 19 March. On several days, the weather was hazy and usually overcast. No air activity was observed at the field.

20 March. The sound of aircraft engines was again heard, but no aircraft were seen aloft.

21 March. No aircraft were observed aloft. There was a 3/10 overcast.

22 March. During the early afternoon, there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft including one aircraft towing a sleeve target. During the take-off, the latter aircraft towed the sleeve target along the runway. Shortly after the take-off of the towing plane, 6 additional swept-back jet aircraft took off and subsequently climbed flying through the layer of clouds, which were beginning to clear. At night, searchlights again were in operation but no aircraft were observed aloft.

23 March. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., local flights and flights in elements of two were made, sometimes at very high altitudes. There was a 7/10 overcast. The alert flight at the field consisted of 4 swept-back jet aircraft

Ten additional aircraft were parked in the area of the hangars.

24 March. At 10 a.m., the noise of individual jet engines was heard and the landing by a swept-back jet aircraft was observed. At night, searchlights were in operation.

2. On 31 March, 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. About 9 a.m., no flights were conducted; however air activity was to be started as soon as sentries had been posted on the road to Elsterwerda.

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
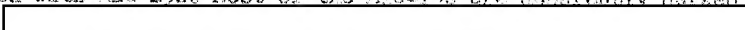



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 Comment. It is believed that Grossenhain airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments equipped with MiG-15s. Most of the MiG-15s are apparently parked in the numerous hangars. 


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